

**RESOLUTION #13-285**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MASON, TEXAS RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR EFFICIENT,  
COST-EFFECTIVE, NON-INTRUSIVE LIGHTING TO PRESERVE THE BENEFIT  
AND ENJOYMENT OF THE NIGHT SKY**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Mason and residents recognize the Texas Hill Country for its rich cultural heritage, breathtaking scenic beauty, and ethics for land stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of night lighting for security and illumination for residential and commercial applications has been steadily increasing in recent years and has negatively impacted the enjoyment of the night sky and appreciation of the natural benefits of our rural heritage and community aesthetic; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the increased night lighting and the poor design and practices of many light fixtures creating the accompanying light trespass from night lighting fixtures, disturbing the natural environment and the quality of life of the people in this community by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for landowners and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason is committed to supporting practices that limit or minimize light trespass from night lighting fixtures in order to protect the beauty of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their private property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY ACTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MASON, BE IT  
RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF MASON:**

Will encourage outdoor lighting fixtures and practices that follow up-to-date suggested guidelines and use available technologies for efficient, cost-effective, non-intrusive lighting and will work with its partners to educate and encourage landowners, businesses, resident communities and public entities to join this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money and reduce light trespass.

**PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Mason, Texas on this the 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 2013.**

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Brent Hinckley, Mayor

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Pattie Grote, City Secretary